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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: SHEET FEEDER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

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- \boxtimes Eight (8) sheet(s) formal drawings
- 冈 An assignment of the invention
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority



	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-239680 and 2002-239685 filed in JAPAN on August 20, 2002. Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.
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